



# POLICY

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Approved by: **GLA**

## **BD POL-1075 PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CARGO CONTAINERS**

This policy applies to Building Division staff when reviewing complaints or permit inquiry for the temporary placement of cargo containers. Permanent placement follows standard permit process.

### **1. Cargo Containers Considered Temporary Structures**

Provision for Temporary Structures is found in the International Building Code, Section 107. The building official is authorized to issue permits for temporary structures for up to 180 days. Extensions may be granted. Structures must meet code requirements.

### **2. Cargo Containers Have Additional Conditions of Approval**

1. Signed affidavit of use recorded with the County Auditor on the parcel.
2. No storage of hazardous materials.
3. Location on property must meet zoning setbacks.
4. Location on property must not block exits or Fire Department vehicle or personnel access.
5. Limited to 5 containers at any one time.
6. Contents limited to inventory of the business on the site.
7. Limited to 180 days with an extension for demonstrated cause.

### **3. Cargo Containers Placed Prior to 1990 Grandfathered**

Cargo containers placed prior to 1990 may be allowed to remain in place without a building permit provided:

- a. Confirmation of placement prior to 1990 is provided, and
- b. Any storage of hazardous materials is under a permit from the Fire Marshal's office.
- c. Waiver of a building permit does not imply zoning and or Fire Code approval for the placement of cargo containers.

This portion of this policy assumes the prior building official did not have a policy requiring permits for the placement of cargo containers.